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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION			
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1. Claims: 1-5, 14-17

1.1. Claims: 1-5

Feature quantity extraction with a particular division of the frequency spectrum.

1.2. Claims: 14-17

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of effective values to derive feature quantities.

2. Claims: 6-13

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of peak values to derive feature quantities.

3. Claims: 18-20

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of a cross-correlation in band spectra to derive feature quantities.

4. Claims: 21-24

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of a cross-correlation in a time domain to derive feature quantities.

5. Claims: 25-30

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of an envelope curve for calculating values related to respective extremums of the envelope curve as feature quantities.

6. Claims: 31-34

Program recording / reproduction apparatus wherein operation is controlled depending on a feature comparison.

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

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